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Dr. Rashmi Singh
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Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
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Subject: FIFRA 24(c) Registration –SLN Amendment Acknowledgment Letter
SLN Registration Number: FL170004
EPA Decision Number: 580491
SLN Expiration Date: 12/31/2026
Parent EPA Reg. No.: 432-1549
Product Name: Escort XP Herbicide

Dear Dr. Singh:

This letter acknowledges receipt of an amendment for the above-listed Special Local Need (SLN) registration pursuant to Section 24(c) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended. The SLN registration permits use of Escort XP Herbicide (metsulfuron) in dewatered zones of lakes to control broadleaf weeds. This amendment extends the expiration date from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2026. Therefore, revisions were made to the 24(c) label, and thus a need for this SLN amendment. All other aspects remain the same.

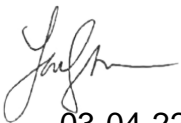
The Agency has completed a review of the amendment of this use and acknowledges the State's SLN registration, as amended. Please inform the registrant that we have placed a copy of the amended SLN label in our files. If you have any questions, please contact Maya Wheeler by phone at (202) 566-2957 or via email at wheeler.maya.b@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ruthanne Loudon".

Ruthanne Loudon, Acting Senior Regulatory Specialist
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CC: *Randy Dominy, USEPA Region 4 Coordinator*
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FIFRA Section 24(c) Special Local Need Label

FOR DISTRIBUTION AND USE ONLY WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

For use in lake restoration projects in dewatered zones of lakes

Escort XP Herbicide®

EPA Reg. No. 432-1549

EPA SLN. No. FL-170004

THIS LABEL IS VALID UNTIL 12/31/2026 UNLESS OTHERWISE AMENDED, WITHDRAWN, CANCELLED, OR SUSPENDED.

Active Ingredient:

Metsulfuron methyl..... 60%

Other ingredients.....40%

Escort XP Herbicide is a dispersible granule that is mixed in water and applied as a spray. The use of Escort XP Herbicide under this Special Local Need registration is specific to application(s) for control of broadleaf weeds in dewatered zones of lakes. Escort XP Herbicide use in lake restoration projects in dewatered zones of lakes is limited to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, or their contractors.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Do not apply to areas where the Federally endangered Okeechobee gourd (*Cucurbita okeechobeensis* ssp. *okeechobeensis*) is present. To determine if the gourd is in the treatment area, which in South Florida is within one mile of Lake Okeechobee levees, contact Florida's Endangered Species Protection Coordinator at (850) 487-0532.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. This label must be in the possession of the user at the time of pesticide application.

Target Pests

Broadleaf weeds, including Pickerelweed (*Pontederia*), Arrowhead (*Sagittaria*), Smartweed (*Polygonum*), and Willow (*Salix*).

Applications to Sites

Lake restoration projects in dewatered zones of lakes.

Application rate:

Apply 0.5-2.0 ounces of Escort XP for broadcast or spot applications. Select a spray volume and delivery system that will ensure thorough coverage and uniform spray pattern.

Do not apply more than 2.0 ounces of Escort XP Herbicide via broadcast application(s), per acre per year. (i.e., every 12 months)

Method of Application:

Broadcast applications may be made by ground application or by aerial application (helicopter only). Spot applications may be made with high pressure sprayer and hand gun, or portable equipment such as backpack sprayers, hand-held sprayers, or spray bottles. A non-ionic surfactant may be used per surfactant label directions.

PRECAUTIONS

- Do not apply this product through any type of irrigation system.
- Do not apply to greater than 10% of the total lake area. [For example, you may treat up to 500 acres of a 5,000 acre lake (normal pool) although 1,000 acres may be exposed after the drawdown.]
- Do not apply within 30 days of refilling the lake or closing the structures on a lake for refilling.
- Do not apply within 50 feet of lake/reservoir water's surface.
- Application should be made only to areas where the receded waters are not used for irrigation or drinking water.

There are no grazing restrictions when Escort XP Herbicide is applied at rates that do not exceed 2 ounces per acre per year.

Refer to the Federal Section 3 label for additional product information, precautions, and restrictions.

For MEDICAL And TRANSPORTATION Emergencies ONLY Call 24 Hours A Day 1-800-334-7577.

For PRODUCT USE Information Call 1-866-99BAYER (1-866-992-2937).

As with any pesticide product, always read and follow label directions.

For additional information call toll-free 1-866-99BAYER (1-866-992-2937).

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